

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of this application. Applicants now respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments above and the following remarks.

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 29-34, and 36 are currently pending in this application, of which Claims 1, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 36 are independent claims. Claims 21-28 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Claims 15, 18, and 35 have now been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 16, 17, 19, 20, and 36 have been amended.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 16, 17, 19, 20, and 36, as well as the allowance of Claims 1-14 and 29-34. Applicants have now amended Claims 16, 17, 19, 20, and 36 to incorporate the elements of the claims from which they previously depended (Claims 15, 18, and 35, which are now cancelled without prejudice).

At pages 2-4, the Office Action rejects Claims 15, 18, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0143116) in view of Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,027,828). At pages 8-9, the Office Action rejects Claim 19 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu et al. and Kim et al. in view of Jonsson. It is respectfully submitted that, although Applicants do not concur with these rejections, these rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 15, 18, and 35, which Applicants have opted to do to expedite prosecution of this application.

Applicants may not have presented all possible arguments or have refuted the characterizations of either the claims or the cited references as may be found in the Office

Action. However, the lack of such arguments or refutations is not intended to act as a waiver of such arguments or as concurrence with such characterizations.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the above amendments and remarks address all of the grounds for rejection and place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request prompt and favorable consideration of this Response and reconsideration of this application.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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